

Life in the Era of Expansion



Ch. 18

Learning Objectives

- What changes occurred in marriage and the family in the course of the 18th century?
- What was life like for children, and how did attitudes toward childhood evolve?
- How did increasing literacy and new patterns of consumption affect people's lives?
- What were the patterns of popular religion, and how did they interact with the worldview of the educated public and their Enlightenment ideals?
 - How did the practice of medicine evolve in the 18th century?

Ch. 18-1 p. 574-580 Marriage and the Family

1. Describe the structure of the typical pre-industrial family in western Europe.
2. At what age did most people in western Europe marry and why?
3. What effect did later marriages have on the economy of western Europe?
4. Describe pre-marriage life for your men and women.

Boys	Girls

5. Why were there few illegitimate births in most of Europe prior to 1750?
6. Why did the second half of the 18th century have an increase in illegitimate births?

Ch. 18-2 p. 580-586 Children and Education

7. Define the following:

Wet nurse	
Mortality rate	
Foundling home	
Infantacide	

8. Assuming one exists, describe the relationship between the 18th century view of children and methods of population control.

9. What was the relationship between elementary schools and the church?

Ch. 18-3 p. 586-596 Popular Culture and consumerism

10. Describe the forms in which popular religious culture remained in Catholic Europe.

11. Describe the various forms popular leisure took in the 18th century and describe how and why changes were under way.

Define and state the significance of the following:

Blood sports	
Just price	

12. Compare the diet of the early part of the 18th century of the following groups:

Rural pool	Common people	Town and city people

13. List some of the new foods introduced to the European diet in the 18th century.

14. What made the potato so important in the 18th century?

15. How does the painting on p. 593 illustrate evidence of the *consumer revolution*?

16. Explain how views of the following changed in the 18th century consumer revolution:

Outward appearance	
Homes	
Meal time	
Personal hygiene	

Ch. 18-4 p. 596-601 Religious Authority and Beliefs

Explain the significance of the following:

Gallican Church	France	
Edict on Idle Institutions	Austria	
Pietism		
Methodists		

Janeism	
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Ch. 18-5 p. 601-605 Medical Practice

17. Describe the pros and cons of 18th century medical science.

Pro	Con

18. It is said that when it came to medical care, the poor were better off than the rich because they could not afford doctors or hospitals. Why might this have been true?

19. Describe the role of each of the following.

Physicians	
Midwives	
Apothecaries	
Faith healers	
Edward Jenner	

